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SUBJECT: NPIC Survey

1. Assuming that the Inspector General will conduct the survey of NPIC, and which action I recommend, the inspection should bring the best resources of the Agency as well as outside expertise to bear in examining the question of how well NPIC is doing the job assigned it. The approach should be limited only by the fact that the survey is an Agency project. The survey would differ from the conventional IG inspection because the customary emphasis on statutory and regulatory authorities, morale, personnel and economies per se would be greatly reduced or eliminated. Primary emphasis should be on the priorities, techniques and procedures in operation at NPIC and the quality of its product--to ensure that the organization is making the fullest application of technological advances and to ensure that NPIC is adopting every reasonable procedure that could be expected to reduce the possibility of error, oversight and neglect in the production of photographic intelligence for the entire USIB community.

2. The conduct of such a survey requires a degree of technical expertise which transcends the capabilities of the Inspection Staff or indeed that of any of the individual Agency directorates. The survey team will have to be reinforced by expert consultants, both from within

and without the Agency who can give the survey report the benefit and authority of their specialized knowledge of all aspects of stereo and photographic interpretation and analysis, including the utmost refinements of the art as it exists in this country as of the winter of 1965.

3. The IG survey team should remain small although consideration might be given to detailing particularly well qualified officers from other directorates, who would serve as working members of the IG team for the duration of the inspection. (They would not function as "independent committee members" or as representatives of the components from which they are detailed.)

4. The first task will be drafting the terms of reference. The second task will be selection of the panel of expert consultants. Both of these tasks should be drawn up with the participation of the DD/I, with the advice of the Director of NPIC, and with the approval of the Executive Director and the DDCI.

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